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Memorandum For: Mr. McGeorge Bundy,
Special Assistant to the President

Subject: Chinese Nationalist Irregulars
in Burma - Laos

In response to the telephone inquiry from your office, the latest developments are as follows:

1. In the Department's #401 to Taipei, dated February 22, EYES ONLY from the Secretary, Mr. Rusk instructed Ambassador Drumright to impress upon President Chiang the utmost seriousness with which we regard this issue. I do not recall any language of comparable severity being used with President Chiang on any subject in recent years.

2. We have asked Ambassador Drumright for his opinion, on a contingency basis, on various types of sanctions, reduction of MAP assistance, non-delivery of C-130 and termination of cooperation of projects of importance to Chiang.

3. Our Service Attaches have inspected the captured KMT materiel reportedly airdropped into the area the irregulars held. Analysis of serial numbers, etc., of materiel of American origin is under way. No conclusive facts are yet available in regard to the origin of this materiel.

4. The latest message from Ambassador Snow in Rangoon reports that the Burmese Government may prefer to talk to us on this issue rather than raise it in the United Nations. However, it has sent a communication to the United Nations "for information."

5. The Thai Government is apparently considering protests to Burma and the Republic of China for violation of its air space in connection with the shooting down of the Chinese Nationalist plane.

We will follow through on this matter with all possible vigor.

/s/ J. Graham Parsons

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